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ROGER LANG QUERIES INTERIOR SPENDING

Also Clarification for Spending Authority

In a letter to Secretary of the Interior, Rogers C. B. Morton, Roger Lang, president of AFN, Inc. requested a report of the amount of monies spent by the Interior Department in the lodging of protests over certification of Alaska native villages.

President Lang also requested the Interior Secretary to clarify officially the legal authority by which one bureau of the department can spend taxpayers' money to challenge federal regulations entered into the federal register by official procedures.

Lang outlines a specific case where Mr. Gordon W. Watson, director of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife is protesting the certification of Salamatoff. The original protest was made in Mr. Watson's capacity as director of the bureau and later changed to name him as an individual.

The AFN, Inc. president pointed out to the Interior Secretary that the regional cor-

porations have been forced to spend thousands of dollars to solve problems created by the Department of the Interior; namely, an incomplete and inaccurate Alaska native roll, the issuance of two complete divergent set of land selection regulations, the issuance of illegal enrollment regulations by Assistant Secretary Horton; and now the protest of Alaska native villages by interior officials.

Lang stated "It is clear that taxpayers' money is being used in the efforts of Mr. Watson and other government officials to overturn the certification of Alaska native villages," and he called on Secretary Morton to exert more control over his staff.



CLOSER TO HOME — The Cottage Program in the Kodiak Borough School District has been put in operation. It is funded by Johnson-O'Malley. The program has been assessed as one of the most effective, as applied to students arriving from outlying villages. Native "parents" are employed in the cottages.

Home Away from Home— Kodiak Cottage Prog.

Funded by Johnson-O'Malley, the cottage program in the Kodiak Borough School District, is now in its first year of operation.

This new concept to house boarding students is assessed as one of the most effective means to meet the needs of native students arriving from outlying villages to attend school in the city.

Native "Parents" are employed in these cottages which ensures the students a feeling of social identification; the parents and counselors are able to relate with confidence with the student.

Counselor Ed McCarter stated,

"Students who had drinking problems when they arrived no longer are faced with it due to the sincerity of the cottage staff."

Although this new concept to the boarding home program has shown its effectiveness, Jim Johnson, a former Karluk resident who now directs the cottage program feels that there is a lack of evening recreation activities to keep the students occupied during their free time.

"During the next semester," Mr. Johnson stated, "there are plans to fully utilize the recreation facilities for evening activities."

TANANA CHIEFS — Travel the past month included a trip by Carl Jack to Fairbanks to participate in a workshop sponsored by the Tanana Chiefs Health Authority, headed by Claude Demientieff.

NORTON SOUND — Joe Notaro, Program Analyst, went to Nome to do an on-site evaluation of the Norton Sound Health Corporation, accompanied by Dr. Tom Austin, IHS Program Development Officer.

NORTH SLOPE — Visits were made by Brenda Itta to Barrow to assist the North Slope Borough in creating an entity to address health issues and problems.

AFN/ANCADA JOIN FORCES

A mutual agreement between AFN, Inc. and the Board of Directors of the Alaska Native Commission on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (ANCADA) to join efforts through an affiliation was reached during a full Commission Board meeting held in Anchorage February 20 - 21.

ANCADA was incorporated in July 1972 and is represented by an 18 - member Board of Directors. Twelve of the 18 Board Members were selected as representatives by each of the Regional Native Corporations. ANCADA receives its funding

through the State Office of Alcoholism.

Through a contract with the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, ANCADA has the responsibility of monitoring and providing technical assistance to 166 village recipients of alcoholism minigrants in the 12 regions.

The twelve regional Native associations have designated the Alaska Native Commission as the official organization to develop policies and administer programs pertaining to alcoholism and drug abuse, and to be grantee for program costs with AFN, Inc.

The Commission will be the policy-making body for the administration of programs according to the provisions of the articles, by-laws and personnel policies of ANCADA.

It was also the decision of the Board at that time to submit an application for AFN/ANCADA for a \$1.3 million state-wide media campaign on alcoholism. A decision will be made on this proposal during the review committee to be held in Washington, D. C., April 16 - 19, 1974.

PROCEEDINGS TO RURAL HEALTH SEMINAR

Proceedings to the First An-

Evans Resigns

Tom Evans has resigned his position of Program Specialist to become Program Manager of the AFN, Inc. Technical Assistance Program.

In addition to his new administrative duties, Evans will continue with his work on other projects. These include negotiating with the State, Alyeska, and BIA on Stipulation "C" of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System Stipulations, which involves a requirement to hire Alaska Natives to work on the pipeline; working with Alyeska for recruitment of rural Natives for the Alaska Manpower Utilization Plan, a plan which covers the recruitment, screening, training, and employment of workers for the pipeline; and working with the State Department of Labor, Alyeska, and BIA for direct employment funding to provide travel, etc. for those recruited under the Alaska Manpower Utilization Plan.

Evans is also presently negotiating with the Ironworkers, BIA, Alyeska, and Alaska General Contractors for the funding of an in-state school to train 140 Ironworkers at the Wildwood facility in Kenai.

Evans, 37, is a Native from Rampart and attended the University of Nevada. In the past he has worked as Vice President/Operations with the Community Enterprise Development Cor-

Shively Asks BLM for Written Opinion

John Shively, executive vice president of AFN, Inc., recently requested a written opinion from the Bureau of Land Management as to why regional and village Native corporations cannot over-ride on allotments allowing the corporations selection rights to those lands if the allotment is not approved.

Shively noted that the BLM is being unnecessarily narrow in its interpretation of the land claims act and the land selection regulations.

The Bureau of Land Management's decision to disallow over-ridings on those lands which have been claimed for native allotments has caused innumerable problems for the regional corporations and individual natives; and Shively has requested a prompt response from Curt McVee, state director of the BLM.

poration and as a Production Contoller with mining companies in the Lower 48.

He is a member of several boards, including the Executive Board of Alyeska Investment Company.

After his appointment, Evans stated, "I plan to maintain a constant priority to insure Native participation in all social-economic changes that would affect their rights and property."

annual Statewide Seminar on Rural Health held last December can be obtained at the offices of AFN, Inc.

The event brought out a historical pattern to include Native Elders in any planning effort

which affect the lives of the Indians, Eskimos, and Aleuts in Alaska.

The Elders brought out aged traditions, values, and their experiences to the upcoming Native leaders in the State.

Advisory Health Council

Commissioner of Health and Social Services, Fred McGinnis, will recommend to Governor Egan that the Alaska Native Health Board, Executive Committee, be included as members of the State's Comprehensive Health Advisory Council (CHAC).

The Executive Committee of CHAC members met in Juneau last month and made the move to include Native membership in its Council, after discussion of ways to solve health problems in rural areas.

The Governor can use his appointing authority to expand the CHAC Council, according to legislative laws which created the Council.

HEALTH AFFAIRS STAFF TRAVELS

KODIAK — Frank Peterson, Deputy Director of Health Affairs, is on leave of absence to take the post of Interim Director for the Kodiak Island Native Health Authority.

He will set up new entity at the request of Hank Eaton, President of Kodiak Area Native Association.

DILLINGHAM — Members of the Alaska Native Health Board and Project Directors for the six Regional Health Corporations attended a workshop to follow through the December Seminar on Rural Health in Dillingham recently. Discussion was held on Board and Staff relationship and a proposed Management Manual for Health Corporations.